

another to stumble, in spite of the fact that the world is wicked.

*The Offending Hand and Eye.*—Jesus goes on to lay down the principle of losing a bodily member in order to save the soul. If thy hand steals or strikes or points with scorn so as to cause you to stumble, or thy foot takes thee into forbidden paths, or kicks down when it should help to arise, you would better cut them off and cast them from thee. For life is more than a foot or hand. If thine eye looketh at things that corrupt the soul, flash with scorn when it should beam with love, pull it out. It is better to have but one eye or none than to have two eyes cast into the hell of fire. Awful words, these. Yet how true! Literally true. In plain terms. If your feet itch for the dance, your hands for the encircling waltz, for things not your own, your eyes thirst for debauching scenes, better get rid of them if you can not control them than to allow them to cause you to lose eternal life.

*Despising the Little.*—Jesus reproved the tendency prevalent even yet to despise the small. To him the child was less to be despised than the man, for in it are infinite possibility either for good or bad according as it is treated. The little in all things are not to be despised, but cared for. Despise not the little child. Soon he will be a man, noble by your care and love, or base by your scorn, neglect and sin. Despise not the little sin. Soon it becomes a towering volcano. An uncle of mine found a little downy plant in his garden in Dakota. He thought it some rare plant. He watered, hoed and tended it until it became matured, behold, it was a Russian thistle, the curse of the northwest. Its downy leaves had become spiky and hard over which a horse could not be driven, and every blossom of beauty had turned into seeds of infinite future harm. Such is the history of a little sin despised, or cared for as the case may be. Despise not a little Sunday-school class. In it may be the future leader of the church or race. Despise not the little church. Not one of the great ones has sprung full grown from the brow of Destiny. All were small. If it have principles worth standing for and men who believe the principles, the future is assured.

*The Straying Sheep.*—Then to show how He had come to save the lost and neglected, whether children or men, Jesus told the story of the shepherd leaving the flock and hunting the lost sheep over mountain and chasm until it is found. The world is lost in sin. The sinner is no more valuable than the saint but even the angels rejoice more over the return of the lost one than over the church which went not astray. It is not God's will that the least child of his should be lost.

#### Lesson Applied

- 1 Jesus knows your worldly ambitions, whether he speaks or is silent.
- 2 A child is a living parable.
- 3 A man or woman declares their character by the way they treat a child.
- 4 He is greatest who is humblest, last to take up an insult, and least susceptible to envy.

5 No man lives to himself. Be careful what the influence of your life is on the children.

6 No eyes so sharp, no ears so quick to hear as children's. What are they seeing in you? What are they hearing from you?

7 More souls are lost by stumbling over some other man's sins, than by a willful desire to sin.

8 When gangrene sets in, the surgeon amputates. That is what Jesus means for you to do when your members are instruments of unrighteousness rather than of holiness,—amputate them.

9 To Jesus children were not "brats," but "little ones,"—men in development.

10 Go after the lost. They are being neglected.

J. L. GILLIN.

## Church News

### Report of General Agent

At Cherry Hill church, in Indiana Co., we took three new subscriptions, and at Johnstown, Pa., we took, in less than five days, thirty-three new subscriptions making thirty-six in all since our last report. There are now going to the Johnstown, P. O., ninety-nine EVANGELISTS, and the work is not all done. The success here is due to the efforts of our dear Brother Haskins, who wore out his physical body and ours too, "going after 'em." That's the only way to get them and if pastors will do their duty we will not only get the 3000 but 5000 before the work is done. An EVANGELIST in every home should be the determination of every loyal pastor and it can be done. No worthy pastor no loyal pastor will neglect this work.

The Brethren Tract Fund is growing. Notice.  
Cherry Hill ch., Indiana Co., Pa., \$2 17  
Moxham ch., Johnstown, Pa., 3 16  
Johnstown city ch., collection \$11 55.  
Less expenses \$4 45 leaves 7 10

Total for the week \$12 43  
Amount last report 25 13

Total to date \$37 56

I am now in the Quaker City, and with the beloved pastor here, am "at it" for the cause and Jesus' sake. It is fearfully hot here. Brother I. D.'s church is neither "cold" nor "lukewarm," but between himself and the elements intensely "hot." I found a home yesterday where they actually took in the thermometer to keep it from "busting." How's that?

Lovingly, in His work,

LOUIS S. BAUMAN,

Philadelphia, Pa.

### Middle Branch, O.

Since we came back from our trip to Ashland, Ankenytown and Buckeye City we were very busy with our home cares. While at Ashland we attended commencement exercises which were certainly very entertaining as well as profitable. I am very proud of our College and would urge the brethren thru-out the brotherhood to patronize our own College. Everything is first class. The kind treatment and love manifested while there will always be remembered.

On the 28th brother Louis Bauman came with Brother Welty and preached four sermons. They were fine sermons. It seemed as tho every one was very well satisfied. We enjoyed his stay at our home very much. Hope he may return some time and stay longer. May God bless the brother in his work. Tho young in years, he is doing so much good for the church. Closing with communion services which were pretty well attended. We have preaching services every three weeks. Sunday-school is doing very well. While at conference we were surrounded with friends and the kind hospitality shown us will never be forgotten. Leaving Ankenytown and going home with Brother Kimmels we visited Brother Ross' and enjoyed our stay at Buckeye City very much. After spending a few days with the brethren there Hugo Paul and I journeyed home.

MARY J. WISE

### Ministerial Association, Notice

The annual dues of the members of the National Ministerial Association of the Brethren church are due August first. Each member will please remit twenty-five cents to the secretary. Remit early and avoid the rush.

R. R. TERTER, Secy.

Milledgeville, Ill.

### Louisville, O.

Since the last report from this place made by Brother Welty considerable work has been done. One has been added to the church by baptism. Brother Louis Bauman, in connection with his work, gave us some good sermons on deep subjects which interested the people so much that he is welcome again.

The Sisters' Society has covered the floor with bright carpet and has had the pews improved and refinished at their own expense. We thank the Sisters' Society for their generosity and time spent for this work.

OMER HUFF.

### Montour, Pa.

June 18, brother J. O. Talley came to our place and held meetings two weeks. The visible result was, thirteen came out and were baptized, and we think the spirituality of the members was greatly built up. We are harmoniously working together. In union there is strength. A house divided against itself cannot stand. O, that the brethren could learn this important truth.

Six of those that came out were heads of families; the rest were young folks starting in the prime of life. May God ever help them to exemplify the life of Christ to the world. We held our communion services at the close of these meetings. I heard some remark that it was a good meeting. I think all were spiritually built up.

June 14th Miss Detwiler came to our place. She is working in the interest of the S. S. C. E. of the Brethren church. We organized a class of over 30 members and I think that the number will be doubled in a short time. Miss Detwiler is an earnest worker. She did not forget to speak of all the helps of the church to us. Such as college, missions, foreign and home, also of the needs of caring for our old and enfeebled ministers, who have given their best days for the building up of the cause of Christ.

We thank the Lord for all his blessings and ask the prayers of God's people everywhere that his cause may prosper here and elsewhere.

FETTER HALL.

### Kanemorado Echoes

At this writing I am at the home of our much esteemed brother H. S. Enslow. Attended the Chautauqua assembly at Forest Park, Ottawa, Kans., July 19. Listened to Dr. Hillis of N. Y., deliver an address entitled, "The Message of John Ruskin to the Twentieth Century," in which many very pretty things were said to impress his hearers. Much that was very imaginative and a little that was like unto many of the utterances of present day, popular lectures hard to understand. Vernon P. Squires treated the crowd to a lecture on the "Cambridge Poets," displaying much literary knowledge and taste. Upon the whole the day was a pleasant one, but not so enjoyable as it might have been had I not lost the entire night's sleep the previous night en route from Guthrie, O. T. Had spent some ten days in the territory about my Master's business very pleasantly at the urgent request of Brother Province who lives eight miles east of Guthrie. This part of Oklahoma we had never visited before and while it is not so inviting as some other parts of this "booming" country it is not without interest. The people are hospitable and kind and some of them at least disposed to give attention to the word of God. Highland school house will be remembered especially from one fact, the janitor. Grandpa Johnson was a genuine type of primitive Methodism, about eighty years of age, yet he was at every meeting lighting and opening the house free, full of zeal and ready for every good work without selfishness, earnestly desiring the sal-